

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 27, 2020

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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### Associate Pastor - Administrator of Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur

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### Parish Communications

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[facebook.com/ststephen.church](https://facebook.com/ststephen.church)



### Weekday MASS

Monday – Thursday 12:00 PM – English

### Holy Days

Thursday - Solemnity of Mary – English

5:30 PM – Vigil MASS

Friday – Solemnity of Mary

10:00 AM – English

11:45 AM – Spanish

### Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM

Sunday 10:00 AM

Sunday 11:45 AM – Spanish

Sunday 5:00 PM

### Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Saturday / sábado – Bilingual / Bilingüe  
3:00 - 4:00 PM

Monday / lunes – Thursday / jueves

11:30 - 11:55am

### Adoration Times / Horario de Adoración

Thursday / jueves 9:00am – 11:30am

### Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00 PM (5 days prior to the publication date). Email articles to [receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com).

### Membership

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship. Longtime residents or newly arrived, contact the parish office to register.

### Infant Baptism

Offered once a month in English and Spanish. Baptism preparation required. Parents must be registered members of St. Stephen. **No baptisms in December.**

### Catholic Marriage

Marriage preparation required. Contact the parish at least 9 months in advance. Two additional months' notice needed for wedding in another country. If you plan on getting married, always contact the church before booking a reception site or setting a date.

### RCIA

Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

### Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen  
[preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com)  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
8:30 AM -12:30 PM September - May

### St. Stephen also attends to Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur:

Mass Time (Spanish Only)

Saturday Mass 6:00 PM

### Kids/Youth Faith Formation:

#### Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

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Pre-K – 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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Pre-K – 4th Grade

#### EDGE/Confirmation Director

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

[lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com)

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

**Parish Office Closed** – The parish office will close at noon on Thursday, December 31, and will remain closed on Friday, January 1. Please hold all calls and visits till Monday, January 4. The St. Stephen Staff wishes all parishioners a very safe and Happy New Year!

**RCIA Calendar** – Due to the New Year break, our next session will be on Wednesday, January 6, Introduction to the Sacraments led by Msgr. Marczuk. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

**Solemnity of Mary** – This year Holy Mary, Mother of God is on a Friday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. It retains the status of a Solemnity. Our New Year's Mass Schedule:

- Thursday, December 31 – Mass, 5:30pm – Vigil English
- Friday, January 1 – Mass, 10:00am - English
- Friday, January 1 – Mass, 11:45am – Spanish

**Advent Blessings, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from Life Teen** – Start the New Year off right by staying connected with us through social media! We are on Facebook [www.facebook.com/LifeTeenStStephen](http://www.facebook.com/LifeTeenStStephen) and on Instagram [www.instagram.com/lifeteenststephen/](http://www.instagram.com/lifeteenststephen/) to stay in touch with you, and to keep you up to date on Life Teen events, pivots, and meaningful moments.

**The Annual Come and See Discernment Retreat** for men ages 16 and older interested in learning more about answering God's call to seminary will be held in Little Rock at St. John Catholic Center on January 2-3. The retreat is sponsored by the Vocations Office and seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock. For more information, contact Maria Izquierdo (501)664-0340, ext. 378 or email [mizquierdo@dolr.org](mailto:mizquierdo@dolr.org). Registration forms can be found on the Diocesan website.

**Movie Night at St. Stephen** – We will have a showing of PRAY (The Story of Fr. Patrick Peyton) after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, January 9th. See next weekend's bulletin for more information to reserve your seats. If you need assistance call the Parish Office or email Elizabeth at [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com). To learn more about Fr. Peyton visit [www.praythefilm.com/](http://www.praythefilm.com/).

**The Benevolent Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC)** Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

In the last 30 days, through your most gracious gifts, the Benevolent Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC) was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, assisting 116 families, by providing food, toiletries and financial resources for utility and rent bills. Thank you for your continued support!

**La Sociedad Benevolente de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC)** – Hoy es la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Durante nuestro Año Nuevo, que nuestras familias "crezcan en sabiduría y tengan la compasión de Dios sobre ellos."

En los últimos 30 días, a través de sus más generosos donaciones, la Sociedad Benevolente de San Vicente de Paúl pudo llevar la Navidad a los corazones de los pobres, ayudando a ciento dieciséis familias, proporcionando alimentos, artículos de tocador y recursos financieros para utilidades y pago de alquiler. Gracias por su continuo apoyo!

**Year End Donations** – Please consider the Parish's financial needs in your year-end giving plans. Donations have been lower due to COVID-19 limitations, please consider an extra year-end offering to either our stewardship or building fund accounts. To follow the "Donate" link on the St. Stephen website or on the app or visit [www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org](http://www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org). We are also prepared to handle donations of stock.

**Donaciones del Fin De Año** – Por favor considere las necesidades financieras de la parroquia en sus planes de fin del año. Donaciones han sido menores debido a limitaciones de COVID-19, por favor considere una oferta adicional al fin del año a nuestras cuentas de fondos de construcción o administración. Para donar siga el enlace "Donar" en el sitio web de St. Stephen o en la aplicación o visite [www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org](http://www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org). También estamos preparados para manejar donaciones de acciones.

**St. Stephen MASS Attendance** – We are delighted to have you here for Mass. With increasing attendance numbers comes unique challenges! According to COVID regulations, our allowed capacity is a total of 400 in the building. Last week's attendance:

- 5:00pm – 233
- 7:45am – 148
- 10:00am – 298
- 11:45am (Spanish) – 217
- 5:00pm Life Teen – 199

We continue to thank you for your patience and support during this time. Please know that we will keep you informed of our Mass attendance should you would like to return. You are always welcome to utilize our overflow seating available in the family life center, chapel, and narthex; or listening over the speakers in the courtyard, and coming inside for Holy Communion only or you can even participate via YouTube.

**The Benevolent Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC)** has had 86% increases in assistance needed this year due to the pandemic! Your SSBC volunteers work every day with families to provide emergency food, help keep electricity on, and avoid eviction. COVID-19 has impacted many families. SSBC is asking for monetary donations. The QR code can be scanned with a smart phone if you would like to donate. Thank you for your generous help!

#### **How to Donate**

- Return your envelope to the collection basket
- Drop your donation in the SVdP Donation Box in the Narthex (Poor Box)
- Scan the QR Code
- In PayPal, send a donation to [SSBCfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:SSBCfundraiser@gmail.com)
- Please consider making a monthly donation.



#### **Como Donar**

- Devuelva su sobre en la canasta de la colecta
- Deje su donación en la caja de donación de SVdP en nártex (caja pobre)
- Escanea el código QR
- En PayPal, envíe una donación a [SSBCfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:SSBCfundraiser@gmail.com)
- Por favor, considere hacer una donación mensual

**Mass for Life** – On Sunday January 17, Bishop Taylor will preside our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05 PM. This Mass will also be live streamed on the Diocese of Little Rock YouTube channel. Unfortunately, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021 due to Covid. Arkansas Right to Life will host the March for Life on January 17 at 2:00 PM behind the Capitol. For information please contact Respect Life Office (501)664-0340 ext. 326 or [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org).

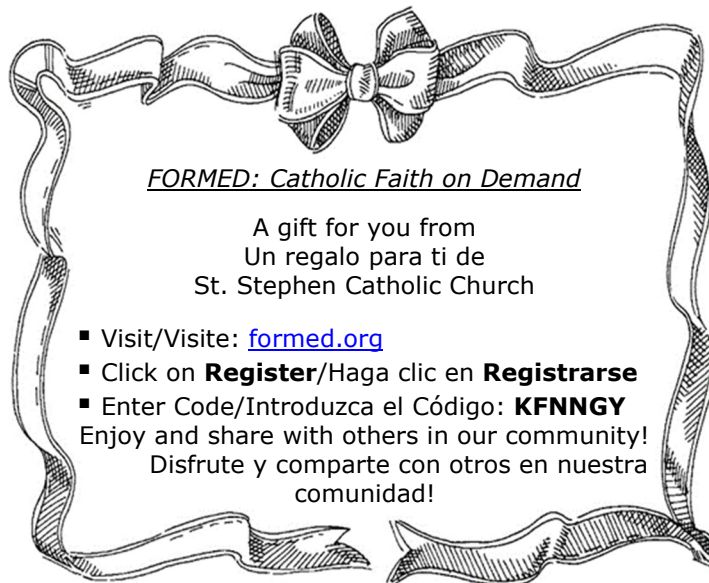
**Misa por La Vida** – El domingo 17 de enero, el obispo Taylor presidirá nuestra misa diocesana anual por la vida. La Misa se celebrará en la Catedral de San Andrés en Little Rock a las 12:05 PM. Esta misa también se transmitirá en vivo en el canal de YouTube de la Diócesis de Little Rock. Desafortunadamente, no habrá Procesión Eucarística por la Vida o una Conferencia Corazones por la Vida en 2021, debido a COVID. Arkansas Derecho a la vida todavía planea la Marcha por la Vida el 17 de enero a las 2:00 PM detrás del Capitolio. Comuníquese con la Oficina de Respeto a la Vida (501)664-0340 ext. 326 o [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org) para obtener información.

**Safe Haven Baby Box** – Springdale has agreed to have a Safe Haven Baby Box! It was a unanimous decision! Mayor Doug Sprouse, Councilman Colby Fulfer and all the Springdale City council voted for the installation of a "baby box" in one of their fire stations. And if that's not enough, NWA Respect Life recently learned that the city of Rogers will also participate in this life saving effort!

The Arkansas Safe Haven law has existed for almost 20 years with similar laws in all 50 states. We've all heard the tragic stories of babies abandoned in dumpsters, creek beds and shopping carts. The Safe Haven law allows a parent to bring a child, 30 days old or younger to an employee at any hospital emergency room or law enforcement agency without facing prosecution for endangering or abandoning a child. In 2019, AR amended the law to include fire departments or a designated newborn safety device (a baby box). The baby box provides an anonymous surrender as well as brings more attention to the existence of the law.

**NWA Respect Life "Procession of Roses"** will take place at the First Church of the Nazarene 4911 W. Pleasant Grove Rd., Rogers. The church is blessed with beautiful accommodations & lots of space to spread out for adequate social distancing. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 16 at 7:00 PM. for this extremely moving ceremony. We are about half-way there, for sign-ups in securing people born between 1973-2021 visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea5af22a6fc1-procession](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea5af22a6fc1-procession).

**Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA)** is accepting applications for the new 2021-2022 school year. To start your process visit [www.ozarkcatholic.org/admissions](http://www.ozarkcatholic.org/admissions) or contact the [AdmissionsOCA@ozarkcatholic.org](mailto:AdmissionsOCA@ozarkcatholic.org) for more information or to schedule a visit and family interview. If applying for financial aid, applications will start being accepted on January 6<sup>th</sup> and the deadline to apply is February 5<sup>th</sup>. A copy of 2019 tax return & 2020 W-2(s) must be provided at [www.ozarkcatholic.org/affording-oca](http://www.ozarkcatholic.org/affording-oca). Families must apply in FACTS. They will provide remote workshops on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-11:00 AM, and Thursday, January 14, 6:00-7:00 PM to assist with questions and Spanish translators to help upon request. To register, email [Robbie.Estes@OzarkCatholic.org](mailto:Robbie.Estes@OzarkCatholic.org).



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**To Build a Domestic Church** – On its website, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) provides suggestions on how families can build their domestic church through a life of prayer that can help all the members of the family. The following are a several ideas:

- Begin praying as a family and reading scripture daily, before meals, but first in the morning or before bed. Find a time where the whole family can be together.
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home and every bedroom.
- Make the sacraments a regular celebration – take the whole family to confession and Mass!
- Make worshipping God a priority. Never miss Mass, even while traveling.
- Teach stewardship and charity to your children, through word and example.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors and the world.
- Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of your life.
- Welcome into your home and support priest, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers in the Church.

**Holy Family Pray for Us Prayer**

The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family. The family is placed at the center of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love. To the family is entrusted the task of striving to unleash the forces of good, the source of which is found in Christ...I speak to all people of our day, so that they will come to appreciate the grandeur of marriage, family and life; so that they will come to appreciate the great danger which follows when these realities are not respected, or when the supreme values which lie at the foundation of the family and human dignity are disregarded. May the Holy Family, icon and model of every human family, help each family unite to grow in understanding of its particular mission in society and the Church. May Mary and Joseph accompany us all with their constant protection. With these sentiments I bless every family in the name of the Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit." -Pope St. John Paul II  
[www.catholicprayercards.org](http://www.catholicprayercards.org)

**Matthew 25:31** – "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.



**Church Operations for December**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 95,281.14

Loan Balance - \$ 1,279,241.29

Joseph and Mary offered two pigeons to the Temple at the Presentation of the Christ Child. May we imitate the Holy Family of Nazareth, by offering our financial gifts, supporting the efforts to make this community more closely resemble the unity of the Holy Family.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 94,111.05	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 10,140.62	\$ 23,000

**“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”**

Revelation 4:8

*“The root of Jesse will come ... in him will the Gentiles*

*Hope*  
Romans 15:12, ESV



**Scripture Readings for 01/03/20**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 26**

5:00pm Allen Crow †

**Sunday, December 27**

7:45am Maria Nhu Bui †

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am En Acción de Gracias de Familia Garcia-Lizardi

5:00pm Mary Franke †

**Monday, December 28**

12:00pm Louise Smith †

**Tuesday, December 29**

12:00pm Dwayne Glory Family

**Wednesday, December 30**

12:00pm Richard Hurtig †

**Thursday, December 31**

12:00pm Chadwick Boseman †

**Solemnity of Mary, Vigil**

5:30pm Robert Swaim

**Friday, Solemnity of Mary, January 1**

10:00am Mendez & Flores Families

12:00pm Parishioners / Feligreses

**Saturday, January 2**

9:00am Special Intention

5:00pm Special Intention

**Sunday, January 3**

7:45am Maria Nhu Bui †

10:00am Ken Heitert †

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Norbert Wewers †

January 2 - 3	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Mark Jechura	Mark Jechura	Mark Jechura Sherolyn Johnson	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (A - G)	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Mark Jechura	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	James Gaffigan	Gary Delperdang	Gary Delperdang Theresa Gaffigan	Karen Howard Gerard Davenport Greg Woodell <b>NOT FILLED</b> (D - G)		<b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Greg Brandenburg	Joe Hartnett	Angela Mensah Claudia Garcia	Ken Butler Tim Koch Charlotte Champagne <b>NOT FILLED</b> (D - G)		Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM</b> (Spanish MASS)	Dolores Pena	Mirna Serrano	Mirna Serrano Julian Serrano	Maria Barajas Maria Munoz Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez <b>NOT FILLED</b> (E - G)		Ivan Sanabria	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	Bryan Bacon	Ken Hunter Susan Davis	Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED</b> (B - G)		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger